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Distinguished Authors Speak At Haliburton House

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Haliburton House Museum in Windsor is no stranger to authors and this summer will welcome a number of writers.

The home of internationally celebrated author Judge Thomas Haliburton features the Distinguished Authors Series on Sunday afternoons throughout the summer. This series invites contemporary Nova Scotia authors to visit the museum, read excerpts, speak about writing, respond to questions and sign books.

Richard Davies, professor of English at Acadia University, feels Haliburton House is an appropriate place for such a series. "Out of the 25 volumes that constitute Haliburton's work, 15 were written at his Windsor home between 1837 and 1856," said Mr. Davies. "He wrote in excess of a quarter million words right in that house."

One of many characters Haliburton brought to life in this home is the famous Sam Slick of the seven-book series The Clockmaker. Some of his original works and writings are on display at the museum.

While Haliburton was inspired by many area residents of his time, the Distinguished Authors Series explores inspirations of present-day Nova Scotia authors. As guest authors write on various topics, both fiction and non-fiction, each Sunday afternoon promises a different focus. The lineup is as follows:

- July 19, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Charlotte Hutchinson, popular children's author

- July 26, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Merritt Gibson, natural history writer

- Aug. 23, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Dorothy Perkyns, young adult mystery adventure

- Aug. 30, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Ken Ward, children's author grades primary to six

- Sept. 6, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Lance Woolaver, award-winning author

- Sept. 13, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Alice Walsh, children's author, launches new book

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